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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss this application with Applicants' representative Gerard von Hoffmann in a telephone conversation on November 30, 2006. Features of certain embodiments of the invention, the current rejections, and reasons why Applicants believe that the claimed methods are not anticipated by the cited prior art references were discussed.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

No exhibits or demonstrations were discussed.

Identification of Claims Discussed

The currently pending claims were discussed generally, and, in particular, Claim 43 was discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

The references cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed August 23, 2006, namely Bessler and Gannoe, were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

Proposed claim amendments to Claim 43 were discussed. Applicants' representative also indicated an intention to submit certain new dependent claims.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants submitted that the claims are allowable for reasons discussed in this Response, and explained in particular how in the present invention, as claimed, a sleeve is attached using a transmural anchor such that a portion of the anchor is positioned against the serosal surface of a portion of the gastrointestinal tract.

Results of Interview

No formal agreement was reached; however, the Examiner indicated a willingness to consider remarks and an amendment in a Response to the Office Action consistent with what was discussed in the interview.